

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for total consideration given the present application. Claims 1-4, 7-19, 22-25, 27, 28, 30-34, and 47-59 were pending prior to the Office Action. Claims 1-8, 10-18, 20-24, 26, 29, 35-47, 49, 51, 52, 54, and 56-59 have been canceled through this reply. Therefore, claims 19, 25, 27, 28, 30-34, 48, 50, 53, and 55 remain pending, which the Examiner indicated as allowable. Claims 9 and 25 are independent. Applicant respectfully requests that the present application be placed in condition for allowance.

Conclusion


In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact D. Richard Anderson, Reg. No. 40,439 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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